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CENTRAL COMMAND

SAFESTAT REPORT

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During the month of March Command personnel investigated one more crash when compared to February for a total of 107 crashes. Property damage crashes declined by 19.3% with injury and fatal crashes increasing by 100% each. A major area of concern is the 133.3% increase in DUI crashes. During March, 7 crashes involved an impaired driver, up from 3 in February. This area will be addressed in the appropriate Districts, as 7 impaired drivers during the month are higher than normal. Crashes involving commercial vehicles also increased and accounted for 23.4% of all crashes investigated during the month. Of the 25 commercial vehicle crashes, 18 or 72% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver with 11 crashes occurring on Interstate 80 and the remaining 14 crashes occurring on secondary roadways.

Overall enforcement activity increased by 5.1% when compared to February and by 2.9% when compared to the same reporting period the previous year. The most notable increases occurred in the total persons arrested category, 42.9% and the speed violation category, 36.8%. The number of inspections conducted by Commercial Operations personnel declined by 36.6%. This led to corresponding declines in almost all other categories and was mostly due to commercial personnel attending several training courses during the month.

Traffic personnel conducted 399 level 2/3 inspections in March resulting in 541 violations and 199 citations with 35 drivers and 3 vehicles being placed "Out of Service".

The Communication Center showed a 10.3% increase in the number of radio transmissions, a 10.7% increase in the number of CAD incidents generated and a 14.4% increase in telephone calls during March.

The personnel of the Central Command are to be complemented on their efforts, hard work and dedication this past month.

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CRASH ANALYSIS AND OVERVIEW

	March-07		March-06	% Change		February-07	% Change
Total Crashes	107		123	-13.0%		106	0.9%
Property Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	71		94	-24.5%		88	-19.3%
Injury Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	32		27	18.5%		16	100.0%
Fatal Crashes [including commercial vehicles]	4		2	100.0%		2	100.0%
DUI Crashes [DUI charged]	7		1	600.0%		3	133.3%
Total persons killed in fatal crashes	5		2	150.0%		3	66.7%
Total drivers killed without seatbelts	1		1	0.0%		0	100.0%
Total passengers killed without seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		1	0.0%
Total drivers killed with seatbelts	2		1	100.0%		2	0.0%
Total passengers killed with seatbelts	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%
Total persons killed -- seatbelts not applicable	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%
Total number of commercial vehicle crashes	25		25	0.0%		18	38.9%
Property crashes involving commercial vehicle	16		19	-15.8%		16	0.0%
Injury crashes involving commercial vehicle	9		6	50.0%		2	350.0%
Fatal crashes involving commercial vehicle	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

Percentage of fatal crashes to total crashes 3.7%

Percentage of DUI crashes to total crashes 6.5%

Percentage of persons killed *without* seatbelts to total persons killed 40.0%

Percentage of commercial vehicle crashes to total crashes 23.4%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS

[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]

- During March there was one additional crash for a 0.9% increase when compared to February. Property damage crashes declined by 19.3%, but injury crashes doubled to 32 from 16.
- There were 4 fatal crashes in March with 5 persons killed. One driver and one passenger were killed while not wearing seat belts.
- During March there were 7 crashes involving an impaired driver, up from 3 in February. There is only one BAC result for the drivers which were .239. This area will be addressed in the appropriate Districts, as 7 during the month are higher than normal.
- There were 7 additional crashes involving a commercial motor vehicle as compared to February for a 39% increase. Of the 25 crashes, 18 or 72% were the fault of the commercial vehicle driver. This 72% is much higher than normal and this area will be stressed throughout the Command. Eleven of the 25 crashes occurred on Interstate 80 while the remaining 14 were on secondary roadways.

FIELD ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITY*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

	March-07		March-06	% Change		February-07	% Change
DUI arrests from crashes	7		1	600.0%		3	133.3%
DUI arrests <i>prior</i> to crashes	27		32	-15.6%		31	-12.9%
Other Arrests	179		159	12.6%		151	18.5%
Total persons arrested (DUI included)	90		88	2.3%		63	42.9%
Speed violations	2530		2443	3.6%		1849	36.8%
Hazardous moving violations	319		276	15.6%		272	17.3%
Occupant restraint violations *	300		375	-20.0%		362	-17.1%
Total violations [above violations included]	4427		4304	2.9%		4213	5.1%
Commercial Enforcement							
Hazardous moving violations - citations/arrests	28		48	-41.7%		33	-15.2%
Other traffic violations - citations/arrests	22		18	22.2%		31	-29.0%
Total safety inspections [level 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6]	388		670	-42.1%		612	-36.6%
Terminal inspections [level 5]	1		0	100.0%		0	100.0%
Total safety violations -- citation	73		145	-49.7%		102	-28.4%
Total safety violations -- repair order	687		935	-26.5%		866	-20.7%
Total vehicles placed "Out of Service"	38		45	-15.6%		35	8.6%
Total drivers placed "Out of Service"	19		38	-50.0%		29	-34.5%
Total school buses inspected	2		0	200.0%		50	-96.0%
Total school buses placed "Out of Service"	0		0	0.0%		11	-1100.0%
Total trucks weighed	523		782	-33.1%		593	-11.8%
Total overweight citations	9		4	125.0%		5	80.0%
Total dyed fuel inspections	374		590	-36.6%		590	-36.6%
Total dyed fuel citations	0		0	0.0%		0	0.0%

NARRATIVE ANALYSIS*[Narrative analysis to include trends or other applicable issues]*

- Total activity for March increased by over 5% as compared to February. Increases were noted in speed enforcement, 36.8%; hazardous moving violations, 17.3%; and persons arrested 43%.
- There were 27 persons arrested for driving while impaired prior to a crash as compared to 31 in February. The average BAC for those results that have returned was .114.
- The number of inspections conducted by commercial operations personnel declined by over 36%. This led to corresponding declines in almost all categories. This is due to commercial personnel attending a 5 day training course on hazardous material transportation.
- There were 2 school buses inspected in March. This completed the required inspections for the current period.

- The number of trucks weighed declined by almost 12%. This again was due to the hazardous material transportation training. However, the number of overweight citations increased by 4.

Commercial Activity [TRAFFIC PERSONNEL ONLY]							
	Level 2/3 Inspections	Safety Violations Citation	Safety Violations Repair Order	Drivers Placed "Out of Service"	Vehicles Placed "Out of Service"	Dyed Fuel Inspections	Dyed Fuel Citations
	#	#	#	#	#	#	#
March-07	399	199	541	35	3	329	0
March-06	395	230	699	61	N/A	350	0
% Change	1.0%	-13.5%	-22.6%	-42.6%	N/A	0.0%	0.0%

March-07	399	199	541	35	3	329	0
February-07	475	233	622	54	5	438	1
% Change	-16.0%	-14.6%	-13.0%	-35.2%	-40.0%	-24.9%	100.0%

- Traffic personnel conducted 399 Level 2 and 3 inspections during March. This was 16% fewer inspections than the number conducted in February. During the 399 inspections, there were 541 violations discovered that led to 199 citations being issued. Traffic personnel also placed 35 drivers and 3 vehicles "out of service."

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES	March-07	March-06	% Change	February-07	% Change
COMMUNICATION CENTER					
Radio Transmissions	82,876	94,667	-12.5%	75,162	10.3%
CAD incidents	11,321	12,106	-6.5%	10,223	10.7%
Telephone Calls	10,984	12,355	-11.1%	9,601	14.4%
Call Box Incidents	N/A	8	N/A	N/A	N/A
FRONT OFFICE					
Accident Reports Processed	122	106	15.1%	76	60.5%
Arrest Reports Processed	70	91	-23.1%	90	-22.2%
Incident / Officer Reports Processed	8	24	-66.7%	18	-55.6%
COURT / WARRANT					
Warrants Received	332	178	86.5%	352	-5.7%
Warrants Entered	391	200	95.5%	304	28.6%
Warrants Cleared	398	337	18.1%	815	-51.2%
Warrants Validated	2296	2191	4.8%	2,182	5.2%
Extradition / Transports	7	8	-12.5%	7	0.0%
EVIDENCE					
New Cases Submitted	11	37	-70.3%	13	-15.4%
New Items Submitted	24	106	-77.4%	33	-27.3%
Items Disposed	5	7	-28.6%	13	-61.5%

Contract Service overtime was 347 hours during 10 escorts totalling \$23,323.

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- The Communications Center experienced double digit increases in radio transmissions, CAD incidents generated and telephone calls.
- The Front Office processed 8% more reports in March when compared to February. This includes accident, arrest and officer reports.
- The Court / Warrant Section received 20 fewer warrants in March. There was a 28% increase in the number of warrants entered and approximately half the number of warrants cleared. This sharp decline was due to several courts purging old warrants in February. The number of warrants validated increased by over 5%.
- The evidence vaults received 2 fewer cases in March which also led to a corresponding decline in the number of new items submitted.

PERSONNEL

- Two new Lieutenants will be reporting to the Command. Lt. Stephanie Bivens and Lt. John O'Rourke were recently promoted and assigned to the Central Command. Congratulations and good luck.

PUBLIC INFORMATION

- Tpr. Edwards participated in the Elko Health and Fitness Fair.
- Tpr. Edwards conducted industry training as it relates to commercial vehicles at the Great Basin Community College and newmont Gold Mine in Winnemucca.
- Tpr. Edwards met with Judge Wambolt at Union Justice Court as part of the Judicial Outreach Program.
- Tpr. Edwards met with the radio station and local newspaper in Winnemucca.

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